



Derby/Oaks Update

Wednesday, April 25, 2018

HOFBURG MAKES INITIAL DERBY APPEARANCE AT CHURCHILL DOWNS

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (Wednesday, April 25, 2018) – Juddmonte Farms' Hofburg, runner-up in the Florida Derby (Grade I) in his most recent start, made his first visit to the track at Churchill Downs Wednesday morning as he began his preparations for the 144th Kentucky Derby Presented by Woodford Reserve (GI).

Hofburg, who arrived here Tuesday following a van ride from Payson Park in South Florida, galloped 1 ¼ miles over a "good" track under exercise rider Penny Gardiner during the 7:30-7:45 training window for Kentucky Derby and Oaks horses.

"I got on him when he came to Gulfstream when he broke his maiden and for the Florida Derby, so I had some familiarity with him," Gardiner said.

Trainer Bill Mott has planned Sunday as the day for Hofburg's final pre-Derby work.

Irad Ortiz Jr. has the mount on Hofburg.

No Kentucky Derby works are scheduled for Thursday. However, Courtlandt Farms' My Miss Lilly is scheduled to breeze a half-mile in the morning in preparation for the Longines Kentucky Oaks (GI).

AUDIBLE/MAGNUM MOON/NOBLE INDY/VINO ROSSO – All four of trainer Todd Pletcher's Derby hopefuls galloped 1 3/8 miles during the 7:30-7:45 a.m. training period reserved for Derby and Oaks horses.

Amelia Green was on Audible, who is owned by China Horse Club International, Head of Plains Partners, Starlight Racing and WinStar Farm, Nick Bush was on Magnum Moon, who is owned by Lawana and Robert Low, Carlos Cano was on Noble Indy, who is owned by WinStar Farm and Repole Stable, and Adele Bellinger was on Vino Rosso, who is owned by Repole Stable and St. Elias Stable.

The Pletcher contingent is scheduled to work Friday. No rider has been confirmed for Noble Indy. Pletcher's other riders are John Velazquez on Vino Rosso, Luis Saez on Magnum Moon and Javier Castellano on Audible.

BRAVAZO – Calumet Farm's Bravazo galloped 1 ½ miles Wednesday morning at 7:30 with exercise rider Danielle Rosier aboard for Hall of Fame trainer D. Wayne Lukas.

Lukas has not confirmed a jockey for Bravazo.

COMBATANT/ DREAM BABY DREAM/RERIDE/ SNAPPER SINCLAIR – Hall of Fame trainer Steve Asmussen reported Wednesday morning that Risen Star (GII) runner-up Snapper Sinclair would be given some time off and be removed from Derby contention. Also, UAE Derby (GI) third-place finisher Reride could be pointed to the Preakness (GI) and not the Derby.

Both horses were outside the Top 20 on the Leaderboard.

Arkansas Derby (GI) fourth-place finisher Combatant galloped 1 ½ miles Wednesday morning at 7:30 a.m. while Sunland Derby second-place finisher Dream Baby Dream (No. 22) trained prior to the exclusive Derby/Oaks training session.

FLAMEAWAY – John Oxley's Flameaway galloped 1 ½ miles at 7:30 with exercise rider Chris Garraway aboard for trainer Mark Casse.

Casse is scheduled to be here Saturday when Flameaway is scheduled to have his final pre-Derby work.

Jose Lezcano has the Derby mount.

FREE DROP BILLY/PROMISES FULFILLED – Albaugh Family Stables' Free Drop Billy galloped 1 ½ miles under Juan Segundo with and Robert Baron's Fountain of Youth (GII) winner Promises Fulfilled, with Faustino Herrarte aboard, following with his 1 ½-mile gallop.

"I think it's been pretty clear how special it would be for me to win the Derby one day," trainer Dale Romans said. "I feel like that would be my last tip of the cap and could ride away in the sunset if everyone wants me to. We're excited with both of these horses, especially with how well they breezed last week. We'll definitely be in front with Promises Fulfilled. We saw what happened in the Florida Derby when someone tried to go with him. So, if they want to try again, be my guest."

Both horses are expected to breeze Saturday, according to Romans.

GOOD MAGIC – Eclipse Award winner Good Magic galloped 1 ½ miles under Walter Malasquez at 7:30.

Owned by e Five Racing Thoroughbreds and Stonestreet Stables, Good Magic is scheduled to work Saturday according to trainer Chad Brown.

Jose Ortiz has the mount on Good Magic.

LONE SAILOR – G M B Racing's Louisiana Derby (GII) runner-up Lone Sailor galloped 1 ¾ miles at 7:30 a.m. under exercise rider Maurice Sanchez for trainer Tom Amoss.

The colt is scheduled to breeze this week, according to Amoss.

MY BOY JACK – Don't Tell My Wife Stables, Monomoy Stables and West Point Thoroughbreds' My Boy Jack jogged two miles under exercise rider Peedy Landry at 7:30.

Trainer Keith Desormeaux is expected to arrive in Louisville from Ocala, Florida, sometime Thursday with a work scheduled for My Boy Jack on Saturday.

Kent Desormeaux has the Derby mount on My Boy Jack.

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KENTUCKY DERBY JOCKEYS

Horse	Jockey	Derby Record
Audible	Javier Castellano	11-0-0-0
Bolt d'Oro	Victor Espinoza	9-3-0-1
Bravazo	TBA	
Enticed	Junior Alvarado	1-0-0-0
Firenze Fire	Paco Lopez	
Flameaway	Jose Lezcano	5-0-1-0
Free Drop Billy	Robby Albarado	14-0-1-2
Good Magic	Jose Ortiz	3-0-0-0
Hofburg	Irad Ortiz	2-0-0-0
Instilled Regard	TBA	
Justify	Mike Smith	23-1-4-1
Lone Sailor	James Graham	
Magnum Moon	Luis Saez	5-0-0-0
My Boy Jack	Kent Desormeaux	21-3-1-4
Noble Indy	TBA	
Promises Fulfilled	Corey Lanerie	3-0-1-0
Solomini	Flavien Prat	1-0-0-1
Vino Rosso	John Velazquez	19-2-1-0

BARN LIST – KENTUCKY DERBY

Horse	Trainer	Barn
Lone Sailor	Tom Amoss	29
Combatant	Steve Asmussen	38
Dream Baby Dream	Steve Asmussen	38
Good Magic	Chad Brown	42
My Boy Jack	Keith Desormeaux	25
Flameaway	Mark Casse	36
Bravazo	D. Wayne Lukas	44
Sporting Chance	D. Wayne Lukas	44
Hofburg	Bill Mott	19
Audible	Todd Pletcher	40
Magnum Moon	Todd Pletcher	40
Noble Indy	Todd Pletcher	40
Vino Rosso	Todd Pletcher	40
Free Drop Billy	Dale Romans	4
Promises Fulfilled	Dale Romans	4
Givemeaminit	Dallas Stewart	37

SHAPING UP: THE KENTUCKY DERBY – Likely starters in the 144th running of the \$2 million, Grade I Kentucky Derby Presented by Woodford Reserve to be run for 3-year-olds at 1 1/4 miles on Saturday, May 5: **Audible** (jockey Javier Castellano), **Bolt d'Oro** (Victor Espinoza), **Bravazo** (TBA), **Enticed** (Junior Alvarado), **Firenze Fire** (Paco Lopez), **Flameaway** (Jose Lezcano), **Free Drop Billy** (Robby Albarado), **Good Magic** (Jose Ortiz), **Hofburg** (Irad Ortiz Jr.), **Instilled Regard** (TBA), **Justify** (Mike Smith), **Lone Sailor** (James Graham), **Magnum Moon** (Luis Saez), **Mendelssohn** (Ryan Moore), **My Boy Jack** (Kent Desormeaux), **Noble Indy** (TBA), **Promises Fulfilled** (Corey Lanerie), **Solomini** (Flavien Prat), **Vino Rosso** (John Velazquez).

Possible starters within the Top 20 on the preference list: **Combatant** (TBA).

Next up in order of preference: **Blended Citizen** (Kyle Frey), **Dream Baby Dream** (TBA), **Restoring Hope** (TBA), **Sporting Chance** (TBA), **Givemeaminit** (TBA) and **Pony Up** (TBA).

ROAD TO THE KENTUCKY DERBY LEADERBOARD PRESENTED BY WOODFORD RESERVE

#	Horse	Trainer	Points
1	Magnum Moon	Todd Pletcher	150
2	Good Magic	Chad Brown	110
3	Audible	Todd Pletcher	110
4	Noble Indy	Todd Pletcher	110
5	Vino Rosso	Todd Pletcher	107
6	Bolt d'Oro	Mick Ruis	104
7	Enticed	Kiaran McLaughlin	103
8	Mendelssohn	Aidan O'Brien	100
9	Justify	Bob Baffert	100
10	\$-Flameaway	Mark Casse	70
11	Solomini	Bob Baffert	54
12	Bravazo	D. Wayne Lukas	54
13	My Boy Jack	Keith Desormeaux	52
14	Promises Fulfilled	Dale Romans	52
15	Free Drop Billy	Dale Romans	44
16	Lone Sailor	Tom Amoss	42
17	Hofburg	Bill Mott	40
18	Firenze Fire	Jason Servis	39
19	Combatant	Steve Asmussen	32
20	Instilled Regard	Jerry Hollendorfer	29
21	\$-Blended Citizen	Doug O'Neill	22
22	Dream Baby Dream	Steve Asmussen	20
23	Restoring Hope	Bob Baffert	20
24	Sporting Chance	D. Wayne Lukas	12
25	Givemeaminit	Dallas Stewart	12
26	Pony Up	Todd Pletcher	12

\$- Late Triple Crown Nominee

KENTUCKY OAKS UPDATE

BLAMED – Cleber Massey's Sunland Park Oaks winner **Blamed** visited the starting gate and then galloped 1 1/2 miles under **Luis Rojero** during the 7:30-7:45 training window for Kentucky Derby and Oaks horses.

"She did fine," trainer **Joel Marr** said of the gate schooling session. "We use pads on her at home. She can be a little ticklish but she always has been good in the gate."

Marr said **Blamed** probably would work Saturday.

Ken Tohill has the Oaks mount.

CHOCOLATE MARTINI – Double Doors Racing's Fair Grounds Oaks (GII) winner **Chocolate Martini** walked trainer Tom Amoss' Barn 29 shedrow Wednesday morning following her five-furlong breeze in 1:03.40 Monday morning.

The filly is expected to train Wednesday prior to the 7:30 a.m. Derby/Oaks training period.

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CLASSY ACT/PATRONA MARGARITA – Carl Moore Management's Rachel Alexandra (GII) runner-up **Classy Act** galloped 1 ½ miles at 5:30 a.m. Tuesday with exercise rider **Simon Camacho** aboard for trainer Bret Calhoun at 6:45 a.m., Camacho was aboard **Craig Upham's** Ashland (GI) third **Patrona Margarita** as she galloped 1 ½ miles.

Calhoun does not have a rider confirmed for either filly.

COACH ROCKS – Roddy Valente, **RAP Racing**, and **West Point Thoroughbreds'** Gulfstream Park Oaks (GII) winner **Coach Rocks** galloped 1 ½ miles for trainer **Dale Romans** with exercise rider **Adrian Vincencio** aboard.

"Everyone keeps asking me if **Rick Pitino** is coming to the Oaks," Romans joked. "I ask him about it all the time. I'd love to see him come but, until yesterday, always said 'no' right away. Yesterday he just changed the subject and didn't answer me. It's exciting to have a horse in a big race like the Oaks and I'm sure he's looking forward to next Friday."

Coach Rocks is scheduled to breeze Saturday.

HEAVENHASMNIKIKI – Loooch Racing Stables' **Heavenhasmyniiki** galloped a mile and a half under **Jake Radosevich** for trainer **Anthony Quartarolo**.

Third in the Davona Dale (GII) in her most recent start, **Heavenhasmynikiki** stands 17th on the Oaks leaderboard. The Oaks is limited to the top 14 point earners that pass the entry box Monday.

Heavenhasmynikiki is scheduled to work in company Friday morning.

MONOMOY GIRL/SASSY SIENNA/KELLY'S HUMOR – **Monomoy Stables** and **Michael Dubb's** probable Kentucky Oaks favorite **Monomoy Girl** galloped 1 5/8 miles Tuesday morning at 7:30 for trainer **Brad Cox** with regular exercise rider **David Garcia** aboard.

Monomoy Girl's stablemate, **Medallion Racing** and **Jerry McClanahan's** upset Fantasy Stakes (GIII) winner **Sassy Sienna** also galloped 1 5/8 miles at 7:30 with **Edvin Vargas** up.

Both fillies are on target to breeze Saturday, according to Cox.

Needing four defections to get in the Oaks field at No. 18, **Ike** and **Dawn Thrash's Kelly's Humor** galloped 1 ½ miles.

MY MISS LILLY – **Courtlandt Farms'** **My Miss Lilly** walked through the paddock and then galloped 1 ¼ miles with **Emerson Chavez** aboard.

Trainer **Mark Hennig** said Chavez would be aboard Thursday morning when **My Miss Lilly** is scheduled to work a half-mile.

Joe Bravo has the Oaks mount.

WONDER GADOT – Gary Barber's **Wonder Gadot** galloped 1 ½ miles under exercise rider **Orlando Cross** for trainer **Mark Casse**.

Wonder Gadot, who will be ridden in the Oaks by **John Velazquez**, is scheduled to work Friday.

SHAPING UP: THE KENTUCKY OAKS – Likely starters in the 144th running of the \$1 million, Grade I Longines Kentucky Oaks to be run for 3-year-old fillies at 1 1/8 miles on Friday, May 4: **Blamed** (jockey Ken Tohill), **Chocolate Martini** (TBA), **Classy Act** (TBA), **Coach Rocks** (Saez), **Eskimo Kisses** (TBA), **Midnight Bisou** (TBA), **Monomoy Girl** (Florent Geroux), **My Miss Lilly** (Joe Bravo), **Patrona Margarita** (TBA), **Rayya** (Drayden Van Dyke), **Sassy Sienna** (Gary Stevens), **Take Charge Paula** (TBA), **Wonder Gadot** (John Velazquez).

Possible Starters within the Top 14 on the preference list: **Amy's Challenge** (TBA).

Next up in order of preference: **Red Ruby** (TBA), **Exuberance** (TBA), **Heavenhasmynikiki** (TBA), **Kelly's Humor** (TBA).

ROAD TO THE KENTUCKY OAKS LEADERBOARD

#	Horse	Trainer	Points
1	Midnight Bisou	Bill Spawr	160
2	Monomoy Girl	Brad Cox	154
3	Sassy Sienna	Brad Cox	115
4	My Miss Lilly	Mark Hennig	112
5	Chocolate Martini	Tom Amoss	100
6	Coach Rocks	Dale Romans	100
7	Rayya	Bob Baffert	90
8	Wonder Gadot	Mark Casse	84
9	Eskimo Kisses	Kenny McPeck	80
10	Take Charge Paula	Kiaran McLaughlin	70
11	\$-Blamed	Joel Marr	50
12	Amy's Challenge	Mclean Robertson	40
13	Patrona Margarita	Bret Calhoun	35
14	Classy Act	Bret Calhoun	30
15	Red Ruby	Kellyn Gorder	15
16	Exuberance	Ian Kruljac	15
17	Heavenhasmynikiki	Anthony Quartarolo	11
18	\$-Kelly's Humor	Brad Cox	8

\$- Late Kentucky Oaks Nominee

BARN LIST – KENTUCKY OAKS

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Chocolate Martini	Tom Amoss	29
Classy Act	Bret Calhoun	23
Patrona Margarita	Bret Calhoun	23
Wonder Gadot	Mark Casse	36
Kelly's Humor	Brad Cox	22
Monomoy Girl	Brad Cox	22
Sassy Sienna	Brad Cox	22
My Miss Lilly	Mark Hennig	37
Blamed	Joel Marr	43
Heavenhasmynikiki	Anthony Quartarolo	24
Coach Rocks	Dale Romans	4

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ARRIVAL/FLIGHT SCHEDULES

Saturday, April 28 – California

Horse	Trainer	Barn
Rayya	Bob Baffert	33

Sunday, April 29 or Monday April, 30 – New York

Horse	Trainer	Barn
Firenze Fire	Jason Servis	TBA

Monday, April 30 – California

Horse	Trainer	Barn
Bolt d'Oro	Mick Ruis	TBA
Instilled Regard	Jerry Hollendorfer	41
Justify	Bob Baffert	33
Midnight Bisou	Bill Spawr	38
Rayya	Bob Baffert	33
Restoring Hope	Bob Baffert	33
Solomini	Bob Baffert	33

Monday, April 30 – Ireland

Horse	Trainer	Barn
Mendelssohn	Aidan O'Brien	17

Monday, April 30 – Florida

Horse	Trainer	Barn
Enticed	Kieran McLaughlin	41
Take Charge Paula	Kieran McLaughlin	41

PROSPECTIVE FIELDS FOR UPCOMING STAKES

\$100,000 KENTUCKY JUVENILE (Entries taken Saturday, race Thursday, May 3) – Probable: Baytown Macca, Blazin Liason, Boucan, Inda Zone, Myhotrodlincoln, Shanghaied Roo

\$70,000 OPENING VERSE OVERNIGHT STAKES (Entries taken Saturday, race Thursday May 3) – Probable: Dimension (GB), First Premio, Mr Cub, Royal Son, Royal Squeeze, Serjeant at Arms (IND), Shakhimat, Swagger Jagger, Trust Factor

\$400,000 ALYSHEBA (GII) (Entries taken Monday, April 30, race Friday, May 4) – Probable: Always Dreaming, Backyard Heaven, Goats Town, Hence

\$350,000 LA TROIENNE (GI) (Entries taken Monday, April 30, race Friday, May 4) – Probable: Abel Tasman, Martini Glass, Streamline. Possible: Ivy Bell, Salty

\$200,000 EDGEWOOD (GIII) (Entries taken Monday, April 30, race Friday, May 4) – Probable: Altea (FR), Beyond Blame,

Bo Peep, Daddy Is a Legend, Heavenly Love, Kabella, Toinette

\$200,000 EIGHT BELLES (GII) (Entries taken Monday, April 30, race Friday, May 4) – Probable: Gas Station Sushi, Hold Her Tight, Kram, Mia Mischief, Salt Bae, Shamrock Rose, Talk Veuve to Me

\$200,000 TWIN SPIRES TURF SPRINT (GIII) (Entries taken Monday, April 30, race Friday, May 4) – Probable: Buccherio, Chief Cicatriz, Flashaway, Frisky Magician, Imprimis, Kid Perfect, Latent Revenge, Restless Rambler, Riser, Vision Perfect

\$500,000 OLD FORESTER TURF CLASSIC (GI) (Entries taken Tuesday, May 1, race Saturday, May 5) – Probable: Arklow, Beach Patrol, Channel Maker, Deauville (IRE), Kurilov (CHI), Shining Copper, Sir Dudley Digges, Synchrony, War Decree

\$500,000 CHURCHILL DOWNS (GII) (Entries taken Tuesday, May 1, race Saturday, May 5) – Probable: Imperial Hint, Limousine Liberal, McCracken, Outplay, Petrov, Unbridled Outlaw, Warrior's Club

\$300,000 AMERICAN TURF (GII) (Entries taken Tuesday, May 1, race Saturday, May 5) – Probable: Admiralty Pier, Arawak, Channel Cat, Dragon Drew, Maraud, Ride a Comet, River Boyne (IRE), Threeandfourpence, Tigers Rule, Tiz Mischief, Untamed Domain

\$300,000 HUMANA DISTAFF (GI) (Entries taken Tuesday, May 1, race Saturday, May 5) – Probable: American Gal, Finley'sluckycharm, Jordan's Henny, Lewis Bay, Miner's Cat, Skye Diamonds. Possible: Ivy Bell

\$300,000 LONGINES DISTAFF TURF MILE (GII) (Entries taken Tuesday, May 1, race Saturday, May 5) – Probable: Juno (BRZ), La Coronel, Madam Dancealot (IRE), Madame Stripes (ARG), On Leave, Psycho Sister, Res Ipsa, Union Strike

\$300,000 PAT DAY MILE (GIII) (Entries taken Tuesday, May 1, race Saturday, May 5) – Probable: Believe in Royalty, Givemeaminut, Greyvitos, Lombo, Madison's Luna, Mask, Mississippi, National Flag, New York Central, Seahenge, Shane Zain, Smart Remark, Title Ready

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